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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TAKEHIKO NAKAI) Examiner: A. Amari
Application No.: 09/626,738) Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: July 26, 2000)
For: DIFFRACTION OPTICAL)
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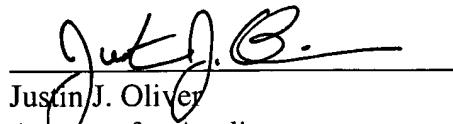
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND THE DRAWINGS

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests approval to amend Figures 16-20 as shown in red ink on the attached copies of those drawing sheets. Specifically, Applicant requests approval to label these figures as --Prior Art--. These changes were requested by the Examiner in the Official Action mailed February 14, 2002. The proposed changes add no new matter.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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